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## A TIME FOR ACTION

As the present session of Congress draws to a close there is an unpleasant prospect that it will end with a record of things undone that has never been exceeded, and that is precisely what the Republicans who control the next Congress hope the Democrats, who control the present Congress, will do, says the Republic.

They will ask nothing better than a chance to repeat their ancient but false charges of Democratic inefficiency, and they will have an excuse for the charge if they can show that they had to do at the next session what this Congress ought to have done.

The reason for the lack of accomplishment which the present session presents to the country is that there has been too much speech-making, and now, when there are but a few days left of the session, Senators are showing signs that they will fritter away what time is left in a debate of the Constitution of the League of Nations, although it is certain that this Congress can take no action on that question.

If there is any leadership in Congress, the leaders will take steps to defer debate of that question until the President has returned and has made his position clear on all points. They will insist that business is business and will do business so that this Congress which once was efficient shall demonstrate that it can still function.

If they do not, then a Republican Congress will take up all of the important measures looking to the transition from war to peace. A Republican measure will carry out Secretary Lane's plan for settling soldiers on the land. Republicans will meet the demand or organized labor for new legislation, including legislation to restrict immigration. Republicans will wake up and settle the perennial quarrel over water power, coal, forests and oil on Federal land, and so on through the long list of things that this Congress ought to have covered. It is late, but not too late, to get a considerable part of the legislative program out of the way.

## MONEY TO BURN

One of the elements in the Russian situation that points to the eventual downfall of Trotsky and Lenin is the desperate situation into which they have brought Russian finances. A witness before a Senate committee told the Senators that a cord of wood now costs the freezing people of Potrograd \$2.40; potatoes are worth more than a dollar each, eggs cost about \$2.50 and tea is \$50 a pound.

Of course, this is printing-press money. Wood is not scarce in Russia, which has large national resources in its forests, and workers are to be had in great numbers, so that to anything like sane government wood for fuel would not be high. But with affairs going as they are now, it cannot be long before even \$2.40 will not be enough to buy wood to make a fire with. The money itself will be worth no more than fuel, and the sort of financing which the Moscow Government is responsible for will, as ever, work out its own reductio ad absurdum.

The people who suffer from the industrial paralysis, which a complete debasement of the circulating medium causes, will know where to place the blame, and they will not wait forever for Lenin to carry out his hopeless task of winning outside support for the Bolshevik Government.

## CLEMENCEAU'S LUCKY ESCAPE

It is something like a year ago that Premier Clemenceau went to his physicians and asked them to tell him how much longer they thought he might live. They replied that he was sound in body and might expect to continue his great work for France and humanity for an indefinitely long period, but they could not reckon with assassination. Luckily, for all concerned, the man who attempted the life of the Premier was a very bad shot, and unless the surgeons are entirely mistaken the Grand Old Man of France will be at the peace table within a few days. All the world will hope so, for he is needed. He is the most powerful figure in France, and with his leadership and counsel the world feels assured that the attitude of France in the negotiations will be sane, fair and sagacious.—Republic.

## HOUSE KILLS BILL PROHIBITING HIRING ALIEN TEACHERS

Jefferson City, Feb. 19.—The house today, by a vote of 84 to 32, killed the bill prohibiting hiring of alien school teachers in the public schools. Republicans and Democrats who for the last week have been receiving hundreds of letters from German pastors all over the State changed the stand which they took last week on the bill and voted almost to a man in the opposite direction.

Before killing the bill, which was

done by adopting a motion to indefinitely postpone consideration, the house adopted, 81 to 41, an amendment to the bill which would have permitted the hiring of alien teachers who had declared their intention of becoming citizens. The bill was killed after a bitter debate, the Republicans at first supporting it but losing courage under the shower of protests from the German churches. The Democrats, seeing the Republicans going the other way to a large extent, joined with them.

An attempt is being made by a powerful lobby to prevent the final passage in the house of the bill to prohibit teaching in any language but English in public, private and parish elementary schools of the State.

For the past week pastors and officers of Lutheran and Catholic congregations in almost every section of the State, officers and members of German, Hebrew and other organizations of foreign-born constituents generally, have been flooding the legislature with circulars and personal letters against the bill.

The Senate committee will hold a public hearing on the anti-foreign language bill Friday afternoon. In the house the bill probably will be called up for final passage in a few days and a bitter fight over it is expected.

## COURT-MARTIAL FOR NAVY GRAFT

Washington, D. C., Feb. 19.—Trial by court-martial of two naval officers in connection with charges of bribery and graft in the Third Naval District have been ordered by Secretary Daniels.

It was announced today that sufficient evidence had been submitted this morning in a preliminary report by investigators to warrant such trials immediately. Secretary Daniels said at least two other cases were developing.

Daniels said there was no evidence of similar conditions in other districts or stations, and that he personally believed the extent of the irregularities in the Third District, which was headquarters at New York, has been greatly exaggerated in unofficial reports.

## Public to Get All Details

He stated that the department would search the matter to the bottom and as soon as circumstances warranted would give every detail to the public.

No names were made public, but it was learned that one case involved the acceptance by a naval medical officer of a bribe of \$1,000 for passing an applicant who was not physically qualified for the duties he sought, and another case involved a bribe of \$500 to secure a detail which would permit the applicant to remain at home indefinitely.

Names of the men involved thus far in the investigation will not be made public for the present, Secretary Daniels said, because of the fear that it would interfere with further inquiries.

## Expose Was Accidental

The Navy Department stumbled upon the irregularities in the Third District by accident, it was learned. In reviewing papers sent to Washington by a naval court, which had set upon an unimportant case, an officer in the Judge Advocate General's department noticed that one witness had made a casual reference to another man obtaining a special detail. The reviewing officer expressed his opinion of what this might mean and his superior detailed him to make a secret investigation.

## Probe Is Still Under Way

New York, Feb. 19.—Investigation of the charges of bribery and graft on the part of the personnel of the Third Naval District was still under way and would not be completed for several days, possibly longer, it was disclosed at the district headquarters today. It was learned that the present inquiry is the outgrowth of the evidence produced at the court-martial of Lieut. Benjamin Davis, a medical officer.

## Daniels Is Told 3 Naval Officers Accepted Bribes

Washington, Feb. 19.—Evidence that three officers of the third naval district, with headquarters at New York, had accepted bribes for illegitimate exercise of their authorities, was submitted to Secretary Daniels today by Maj. John G. Muir, who conducted the investigation.

Daniels today ordered Admiral Clark, Judge Advocate, to draw up charges against naval officers in the third district, involving alleged bribery and other irregularities in enlistments. He ordered Clark "to go to the bottom of the case."

In making this announcement, Secretary Daniels declined to give the names of the officers involved, because the investigation might be hampered.

The Secretary let it be known, however, that one officer—a physician—was said to have accepted \$1,000 for passing a physically unfit man into the service; a detail officer is accused of having transferred a man for \$500, while a peoman, in collusion, stands accused of having accepted \$300.

A number of additional arrests are expected, the Secretary said, although he expressed the belief that the irregularities were only in the third district, and men of the naval reserve force only were involved. The sum that is said to have been passed over in the form of bribes will not approach \$500,000, as estimated in certain press reports, according to the Secretary.

## GOING IN FOR HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK

The Women's Committee, Council of Defense, at Joplin, decided not to discontinue their organization which reaches out to every school district in the county. When the order to disband comes from headquarters, the members of the organization will all become members of Jasper County Home Bureau, and this great working force of women will co-operate with the home demonstration agent in all lines of her work. This will insure a working unit in every community of

the county so necessary for the best results from the services of a home demonstration agent.

## COUNTY COURT

County Court was in session until Wednesday of this week, making a fifteen-day session for the present month. Delay was caused in adjournment on account of the inability of Highway Engineer Thos. H. Holman not being able to complete his report in the appointed time.

The court made careful examination into the fee bills of coroners' inquests, making a number of corrections in witnesses, after which all the fee bills were allowed, except in inquests over bodies of R. B. Higley and W. L. Moore, which the court refused to allow. The court further orders that a fee bill in favor of County Treasurer Coffield be issued in each of the fee bills allowed.

W. R. Williams, road overseer in District No. 12, files his statement for 1918, showing a balance in his hands of \$4,290.00, for which amount he exhibited Treasurer's receipt; settlement is by the court approved.

John Albert, road overseer in District No. 13, files his statement for 1918, showing a balance in his hands of \$12, for which amount he exhibited Treasurer's receipt; settlement is by the court approved.

In the matter of criminal cases, the court takes up 63 bills of costs certified to the court by the Circuit Judge, Prosecuting Attorney and Circuit Clerk, amounting in the aggregate to \$1,576.15, and after due examination of same, the Treasurer is ordered to draw a warrant for such amount.

Wm. E. Keenan files receipt showing he has paid to the County Treasurer \$900, the principal, and \$54, the interest, on loan from Capital School Fund of county. It is ordered by the court that the settlement be made of record in the Recorder's office.

It is ordered that the County Clerk notify borrowers of School Fund money to appear before the court on or before Monday, March 3, 1919, and pay all interest in arrears, viz: Clarence Alexander, Mses. Y. Crawford, Richard Foshee, Jerry S. Gossom, Ayers Higley, Nancy Higley, Ben E. Marks, C. B. Scott, Sam Tetley, Albert Womack and Wm. Wells; and that the following be notified to file additional security viz: J. A. Alexander and Seaman Wilkerson.

It is ordered that the School Fund Mortgage given by F. M. Carter, deceased, in the sum of \$2,200, be foreclosed, and that the Clerk so certify to the Sheriff of St. Francois county.

It is ordered that the Prosecuting Attorney be instructed to proceed to collect the balance due on the School Fund loan of Joseph Jones by bringing suit against his bondsmen, and to report progress at the next term of this court.

It is ordered that the same instructions be given to road overseers as last year, except that the 6th paragraph be amended by inserting the words "County Court" and "after the words "of the" and before "County."

License ordered issued to S. T. Gardner for conducting a billiard and pool hall in Desloge.

## Road Overseers Appointed

The court made the following appointments of road overseers for the ensuing year:

- District No. 1, T. H. Weddle.
- District No. 2, R. C. Horton.
- District No. 3, J. C. Morris.
- District No. 4, C. H. Menge.
- District No. 5, Marion Denham.
- District No. 6, John Cook.
- District No. 7, Robert Donald.
- District No. 8, J. D. Huff.
- District No. 9, H. N. Bono.
- District No. 10, Wm. Dugall.
- District No. 11, J. L. McFarland.
- District No. 12, W. R. Williams.
- District No. 13, John Albert.
- District No. 14, W. T. Newby.
- District No. 15, C. F. Boyd.
- District No. 16, E. B. Shelley.
- District No. 17, Fenton H. Millen.
- District No. 18, E. C. Papin.
- District No. 19, P. B. O'Bannon.
- District No. 20, B. G. Porter.
- District No. 21, Jacob Branning.
- District No. 22, G. W. Burgess.
- District No. 23, E. O. Presnell.
- District No. 24, A. J. Kennon.
- District No. 25, P. W. Keay.

It is ordered that the bonds of the various road overseers be filed for the same amounts as last year.

It is ordered that a levy of \$3 per capita be made against all parties subject to poll tax.

Dr. F. S. Weber is appointed physician to attend inmates of County Infirmary for one year.

Dr. F. M. Branning is appointed physician to attend inmates in County Jail for one year.

## Warrants Allowed

J. Clyde Akers, Co. School Supt., clerk hire, \$33.38; G. M. Tson & Co., repairing typewriter, \$3.00; H. W. Coffield, County Treasurer, criminal costs, \$1576.15; W. H. Coffield, inquest fees for twenty-six inquests held, \$640.24.

Tuesday was largely consumed by the County Judges in viewing new road work being done in different parts of the county.

County Highway Engineer T. H. Holman files annual statement of receipts and expenditures, showing an outstanding indebtedness due him of \$162.42, which settlement is by the court approved and a warrant ordered drawn to settle such account.

It is ordered that H. E. Brown et al, be refunded \$200 that had been donated by them for purpose of building a bridge across Big River at Blackwell, which bridge has never been built.

Court adjourned Wednesday afternoon until the regular term, which will be on the first Monday in March.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Feb. 15—Simon Rigdon, of Coffman, and Elsie Barnes, of St. Francois.

Feb. 15—Elijah Williams, of Desloge, and Lavada Kane, of St. Francois.

Feb. 17—Lewis B. Malugen and Norma F. Nees, both of Bonne Terre.

Feb. 18—George Jarvis and Arbellie Martin, both of Goodwater.

Feb. 18—Homer Reader, of Cape Girardeau, and Anna M. DeLoe.

## ELVINS

Miss Lillie Wood was a Flat River visitor Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Maud McLeod was the guest of Miss Opal Norris Sunday evening.

Misses Lizzie Bessinger and Opal Norris were guests of Mrs. J. Newcomb of Flat River Sunday.

Chas. Sizemore was a Bonne Terre visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. H. McLeod and Mrs. J. McLeod and children were visitors here Tuesday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Fingers, a son.

W. S. Howard, the 8th grade teacher, visited relatives at Cape Girardeau Saturday and Sunday, and returned Monday.

Miss Edith Berryman was guest of Miss Lillie Wood Sunday.

Misses Edna Sherrills and Edna Robinson were Flat River visitors Tuesday.

Misses Virginia and Flovie Sizemore were guests of Miss Marie LeRose Sunday.

Miss Mabel Wigger was a Doe Run visitor Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Geo. Clemons and family motored to Knob Lick Saturday.

Nesbet Cunningham of Farmington Route 2 spent Saturday and Sunday with Alonzo Crabtree.

Miss Marie Matsler was guest of Miss Edith Haile Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ira Lindeman entertained a few of her friends Sunday afternoon. Those present were: Misses Birdie McGuire, Mildred Short, Bessie Propst, Blanche Cook, Marie Alexander, Thelma and Nacoma Crabtree, Edna Short and Alma Propst, Anna Raddock, Alfreda Polite, Violet Hampton and Stella Crabtree. All reported a nice time.

Miss Louise Large gave a party at her home Monday evening. Those present were: Misses Lulu Hulsey, Josephine Kinney, Izella Wilkerson, Nellie Thurman, Harold Hartshorn, Homer Clemon and Craig Wells. Dainty refreshments were served and a good time reported.

Parents, come and visit the school Friday. Everybody welcome.

## ROUTE 2

Herman Heck and wife of Route 2 visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Heck, Sunday.

Harry Noltkemper and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Horton.

John Niedert of Herculaneum is visiting his father this week. John tells us everything is on the bum there.

Dave Hartshorn has added four Jersey heifers and one Holstein to his dairy herd.

Roy Short returned from LaPort, Ind., last week and was operated on for abscess Tuesday. He is doing nicely.

## SUGAR GROVE

John Niedert of Herculaneum is visiting his father, Henry Niedert.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Hartshorn spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. John Haynes.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Noltkemper and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. O'Bannon visited his mother, Mrs. M. O'Bannon, of Knob Lick Sunday.

Misses Edna and Leora London spent Sunday afternoon with Helen and Mary Haynes.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Haynes of Electric Place spent Monday afternoon with his father, Howard Haynes.

Mrs. E. G. Williams, Mrs. Henry Niedert and Mrs. R. C. Martin spent Monday with Mrs. John Haynes.

Mrs. J. W. Pinkston visited Mrs. T. E. Hunt Saturday.

Everett and Nola Rion entertained a number of young folks with a rook party last Saturday night.

Louis Niedert of Herculaneum returned to the home of his father last Tuesday.

Mrs. T. F. O'Bannon and Mrs. Harry Noltkemper were shopping in Farmington Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pinkston made a business trip to Farmington Tuesday.

The farmers of this neighborhood had a meeting at the school house Wednesday evening.

D. E. Hartshorn made a business trip to M. O'Rell's Monday.



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# BURNETTE'S MARKET

Roy Short was operated on for pus on the lungs and is getting along nicely.

## THE WINTER GARDEN

February is the ideal month for making gardens. Indeed, in some respects, it is the most satisfactory month of all the year for garden making to those who know the secret. This is equally true whether the garden is to grow flowers or vegetables.

Of course the city chap who sits at his desk in an eighteen-story office building and writes the expert articles on farming will not agree with us, but we can prove to you that February is the best season for making gardens.

After the supper dishes are washed and the baby has been put to bed, you want to fill your pipe and draw your chair up to the table close to the reading lamp. Then you ask mother where she put that annual catalogue you got from Turnpseed & Co., the other day. When mother produces the annual you invite her to sit down beside you and you are ready to make the garden.

On the cover of the book you behold the most wonderful tomato, beneath two pods of the most magnificent peas that ever grew. The tomato is big and round and plump, not a wrinkle nor a speck upon it and the color is deeper than the crimson of the most gorgeous sunset you ever beheld. The peas nestle in the deep, dark green of the pods and are as big and as round as the marbles you played with when a boy.

Though you have just eaten your supper the sight of those vegetables causes a tingling of your palate and a yearning of your appetite. You long to take off the back lot and get the spade into the good old earth.

Turning the leaves you see two onions that fill a whole page; one, said to be painted from nature, is as perfect as the beautiful lady whose picture ornaments the art calendar in the front room. It is a radiant magenta, the skin as soft and smooth as the baby's cheeks. Beneath it is another, much larger, advertised as "the American Grown Prize-taker". Did you ever see anything so lovely, so perfect, so stately as those onions?

And the corn, and the beans, and the cabbage!

Then you read in the front of the catalogue how this firm does not consider their work a business, but a vocation. How flowers and vegetables just like the pictures can be grown anywhere from their seeds. It always rains in February, so you have no fear of the summer's drought. It is always cold in February so you do not think of the summer's heat. And while you have been studying the vegetables, mother has been dreaming over the flowers. Here is a page of sweet-peas more delicate and beautiful than the blush of a maiden. There is a picture of blooming eschscholtzes—you don't care much for the name, but the blooms sure are pretty and mother thinks she'll plant some along the edge of the back porch.

So you see the process of garden making in February is really very simple and a source of unalloyed pleasure. The requirements are few: A gardener's annual, an evening free from interruption, a love for gardens—and an imagination. The imagination really is quite essential to the success of a February garden and will be easily inspired by the pictures. With the seed catalogue and the imagination, spurred by the inspiration, you may sit by your cozy fire and plan the garden of your dreams.

What matter if later in the summer the drought withers the flowers and the worms eat the cabbages. You had your inspiration, and in February your garden was a success, anyhow.

## MRS. SAMUEL L. ASBURY

The remains of this former well-known woman were brought to this city Wednesday for burial in the Masonic cemetery. Death occurred Monday at the home of a daughter in Springfield, Mo. Deceased had attained a ripe old age. Her husband, a former active and prominent citizen of this community, preceded her in death by several years.

Funeral services were conducted from the M. E. Church, South, with Rev. O. H. Duggins in charge. Deceased was for many years a devoted member of that church. Fred Asbury, a son, who is still in army service, was in attendance at the funeral.

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